

**U.S. Army Safety Center**



**Enhancing Combat Readiness**  
*through* **RISK-MANAGEMENT**

**FY03 Year End Safety Status**

# WWII to Now Accidents versus Combat

**Combat Losses / Accidents**

**WWII** **43%** / **43%**

**Korea** **55%** / **44%**

**Vietnam** **45%** / **54%**

**DS /DS** **20%** / **75%**

**Iraqi Freedom**

**63%** / **36%**



BATLES-02

# How do We Influence the Action



$$f = (D + O + M)SL^{(TEE)}$$

# The Challenge

**“Reduce the number  
of mishaps and accident  
rates by at least 50%  
in the next two years.”**

Secretary of Defense

**What does this mean to you?**  
**It's on OUR watch!**

- Lost Work Days?  
- Dollar Costs?  
- Fatalities?



**FY03**

# **255 Army Military Fatalities**

**\$521+ Million\***

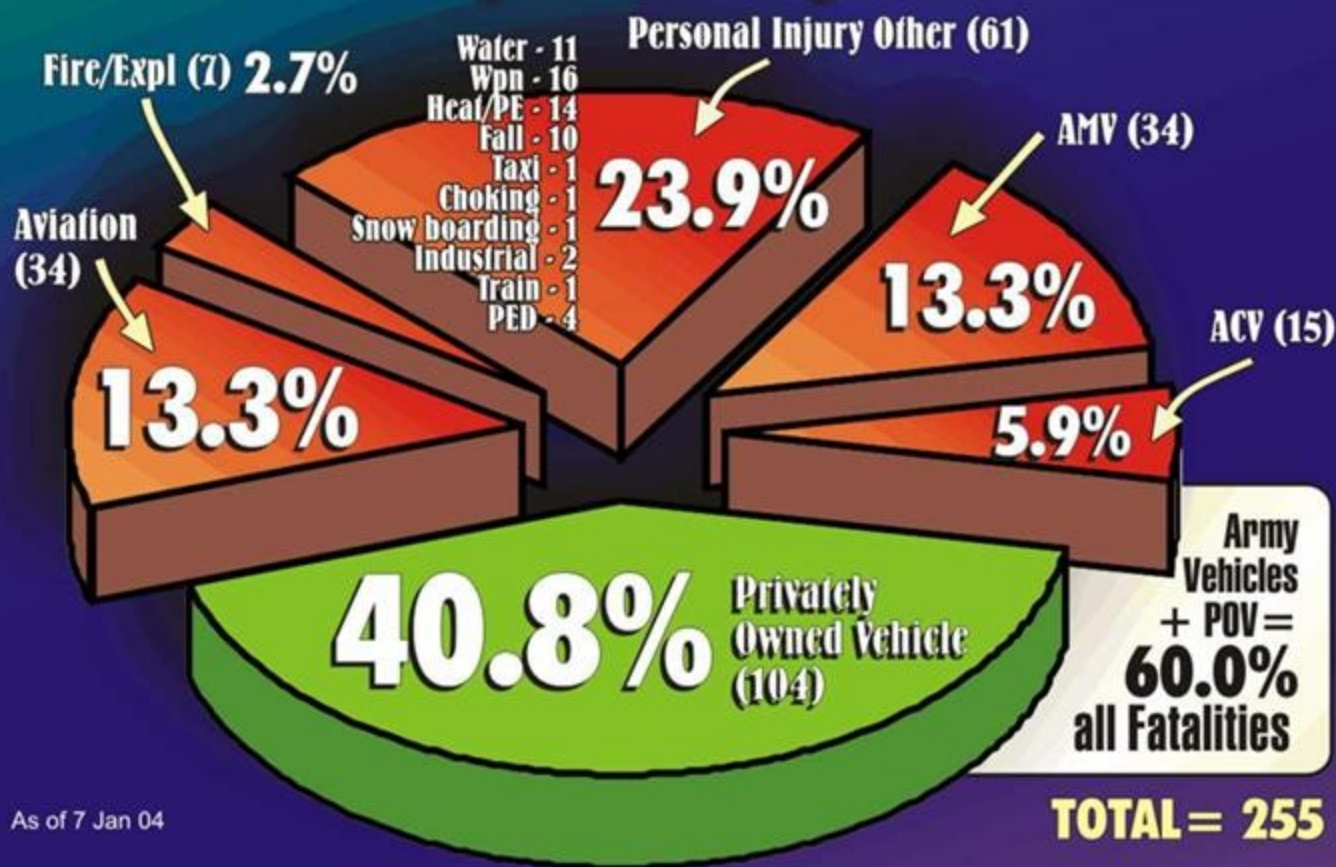
**\* Captured Costs**

# Army Military Fatalities





# FY03 Army Military Fatalities



# Trends

## Aviation

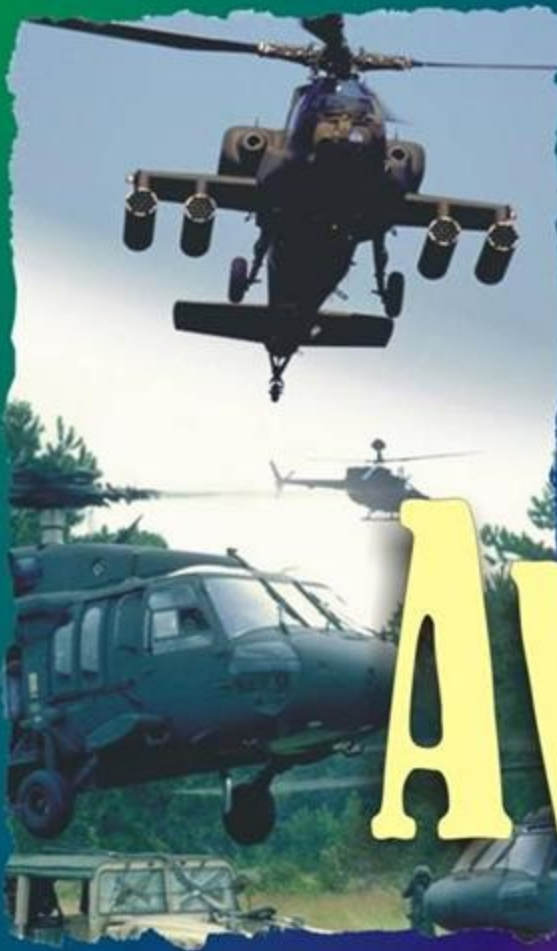
1. Environment ...Brownout
2. Aircrew Coordination
3. Overloading IPs

## Ground

1. Rollover
2. Speed
3. Failure to Follow Procedures
  - Small Convoys
  - Seatbelts
  - Negligent Discharges

## POV

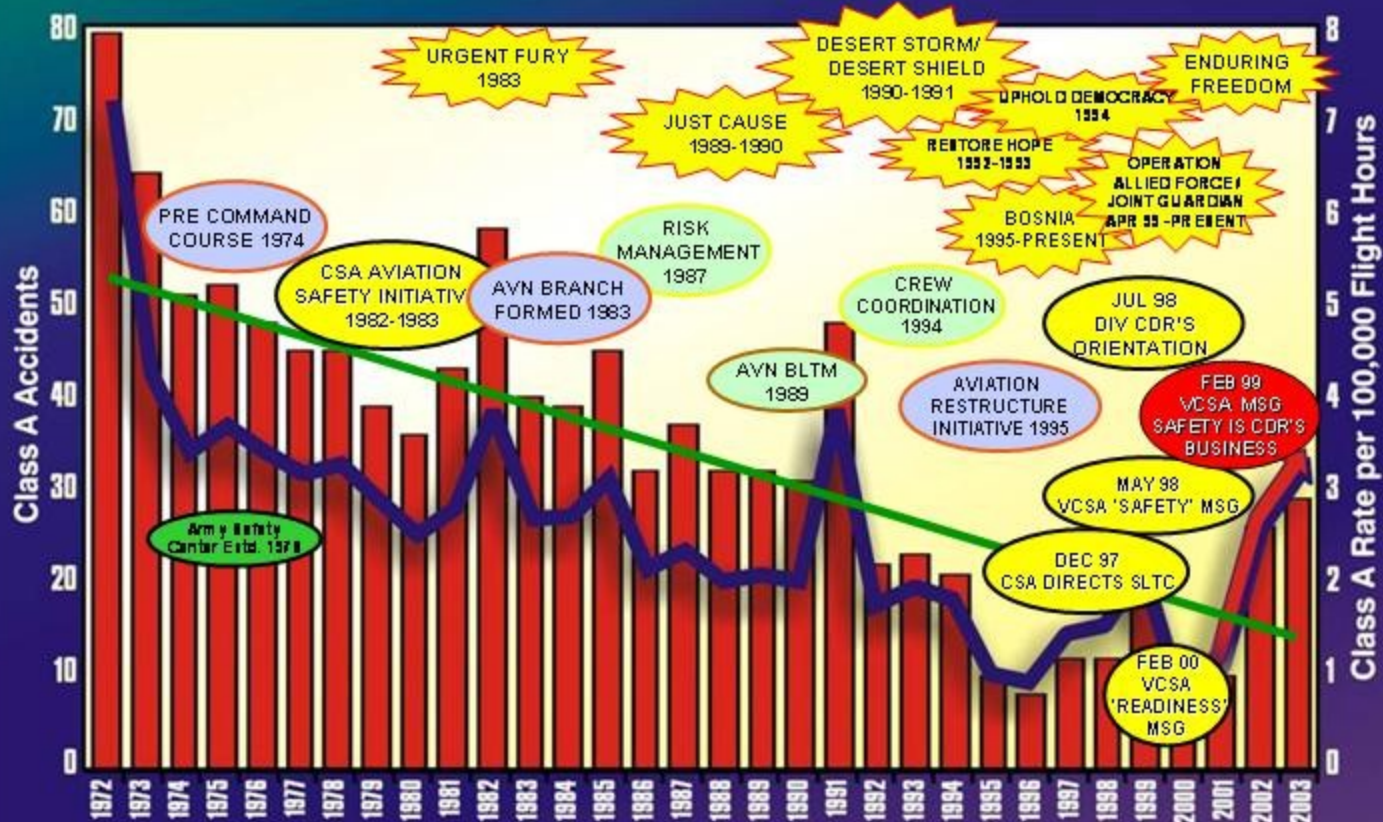
1. Fatigue
2. Speed
3. Failure to Follow Procedures
  - Alcohol
  - Seatbelts



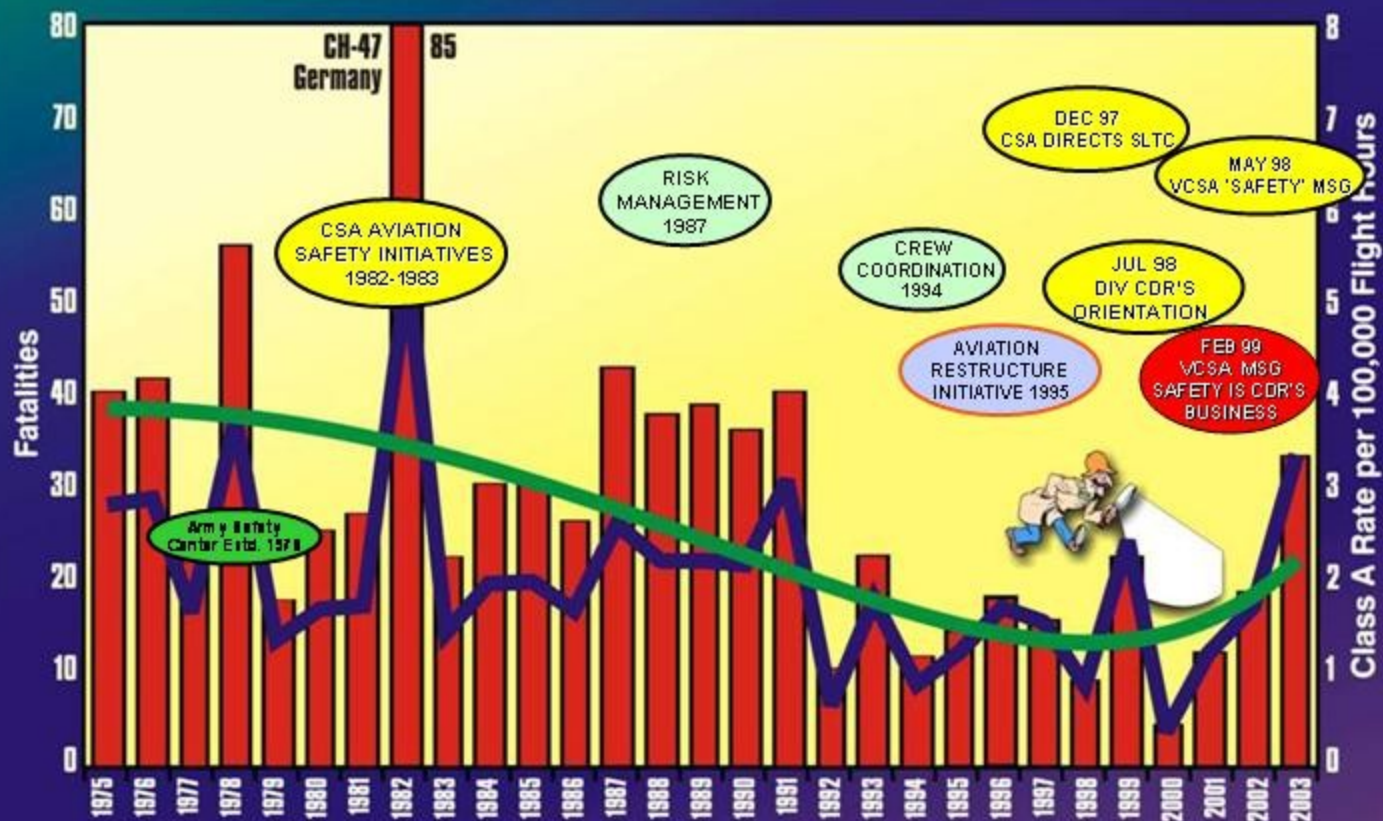
# Army Safety *Performance*

# Aviation

# Historical Aviation Trends



# Historical Aviation Trends



# FY03 Class A Aviation Trends

## Events \*

Brown/white out.....	11 (39.3%)
Collision w/Ground.....	5 (17.9%)
Tree/Wire Strike.....	3 (10.7%)
Material failure.....	4 (14.3%)
IIMC.....	2 (7.1%)
Mesh Rotor Blades.....	1 (3.6%)
Mid Air Collision.....	1 (3.6%)
Collision w/Grnd object.....	1 (3.6%)

## Profile \*\*

Night.....	56.0%
IP.....	39.1%
Single ship.....	43.5%

IP (total/type).....	2814/1466
PC (total/type).....	1457/900
PI (total/type).....	715/338

## Causes \*\*

Individual failure.....	20 (90.9%)
- Crew coordination.....	12 (54.5%)
- Overconfidence.....	12 (54.5%)
- Indiscipline.....	4 (18.2%)
Environment.....	13 (59.1%)
Support failure.....	4 (18.2%)
Leader failure.....	8 (36.4%)
Training failure.....	4 (18.2%)
Risk Management.....	2 (9.1%)
Standards.....	3 (13.6%)
Unknown.....	1 (4.5%)

## Type (YTD)

(ClassA/Fatal)	FY03	FY02
AH-64.....	9/3.....	8/4
MH/CH-47.....	5/0.....	5/8
OH-58D.....	3/0.....	5/2
MH/UH-60.....	11/28.....	5/2
Fixed-wing.....	1/2.....	1/1

# Risk Management "3 Deep"

**Sergeant's  
Time Training**



**Requires  
Multi-Level  
Leader  
Involvement**

**Company  
Battle Drill**



# FY03 Class A Aviation Trends OIF AOR

## Events\*\*

**Brownout..... 9 (75%)**

Collision w/Ground..... 1 (8.3%)  
Wire Strike..... 1 (8.3%)  
Material Failure..... 1 (8.3%)

## Causes\*

Individual failure..... 8 (88.9%)  
- Crew coordination..... 6 (66.7%)  
- Overconfidence..... 3 (33.3%)

**Environment..... 8 (88.9%)**

Support failure..... 2 (22.2%)  
Leader failure..... 4 (44.4%)  
Training failure..... 3 (33.3%)  
Standards..... 2 (22.2%)  
Risk Management..... 1 (11.1%)

## Profile\*

**Night..... 58.3%**  
**IP..... 25%**  
**Single ship..... 41.7%**

IP (total/type)..... 1271/unknown  
PC (total/type)..... 1166/993  
PI (total/type)..... 602/431

## Type

(Class A/Fatal)

AH-64..... 5/0  
MH/CH-47..... 1/0  
OH-58D..... 2/0  
MH/UH-60..... 5/8

\* Three accidents still under investigation/Non-material failures

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# Integration of Risk Management into the Training Planning Process



# **Initiatives Coming Your Way**

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## **Aviation Assistance Team**

- **Leveraging technical expertise to provide Aviation assessments to the field**
  - ATC
  - DES
  - USASC
- **Units Assessed**
  - 10th Mountain Division
  - JRTC

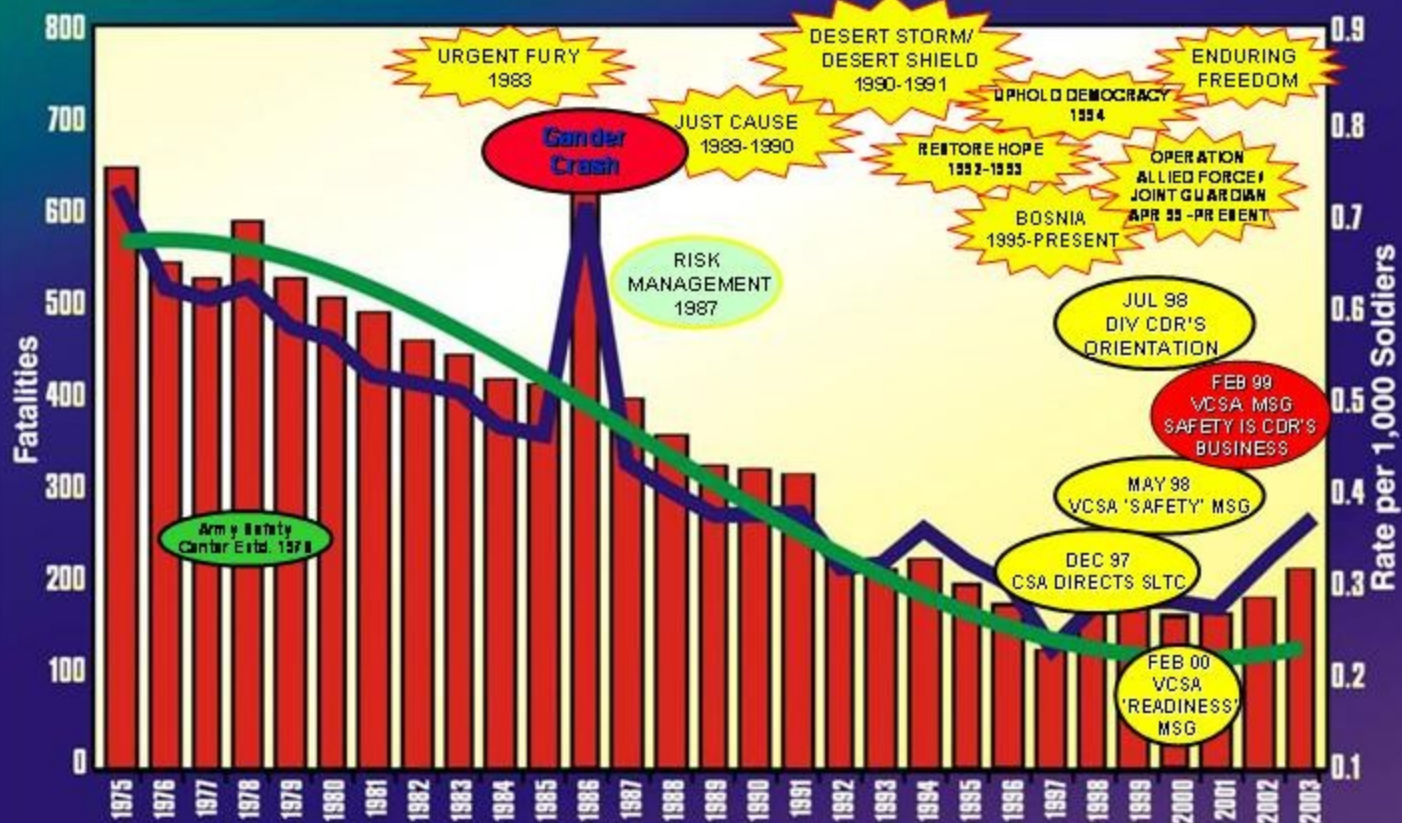


**Army  
Safety**  
*Performance*

# Ground & POV

(Army Motor Vehicles/Army Combat Vehicles/  
POVs/Negligent Discharges/Personal Injury)

# Historical Ground Trends



# Army Motor Vehicle Accident Trends

**Most accidents occurred in convoys in forward areas**

- **Speed was a factor in over 50% of the accidents studies**
- **Environment played a role in almost 50% of the accidents**
  - Dust
  - Civilian vehicles
  - Obstacles
- **Failure to use seat belts contributed to severity of injuries in almost 50% of HMMWV accidents**

**Army Totals**

**- 178 injuries**  
**- 33 deaths**

**OIF Totals**

**- 78 injuries**  
**- 28 deaths**

# Total Army Motor Vehicle Class A Accidents vs Class A Rollover Accidents

FY02-FY03

42.1% of  
all AMV  
Class A  
Accidents  
were  
Rollovers



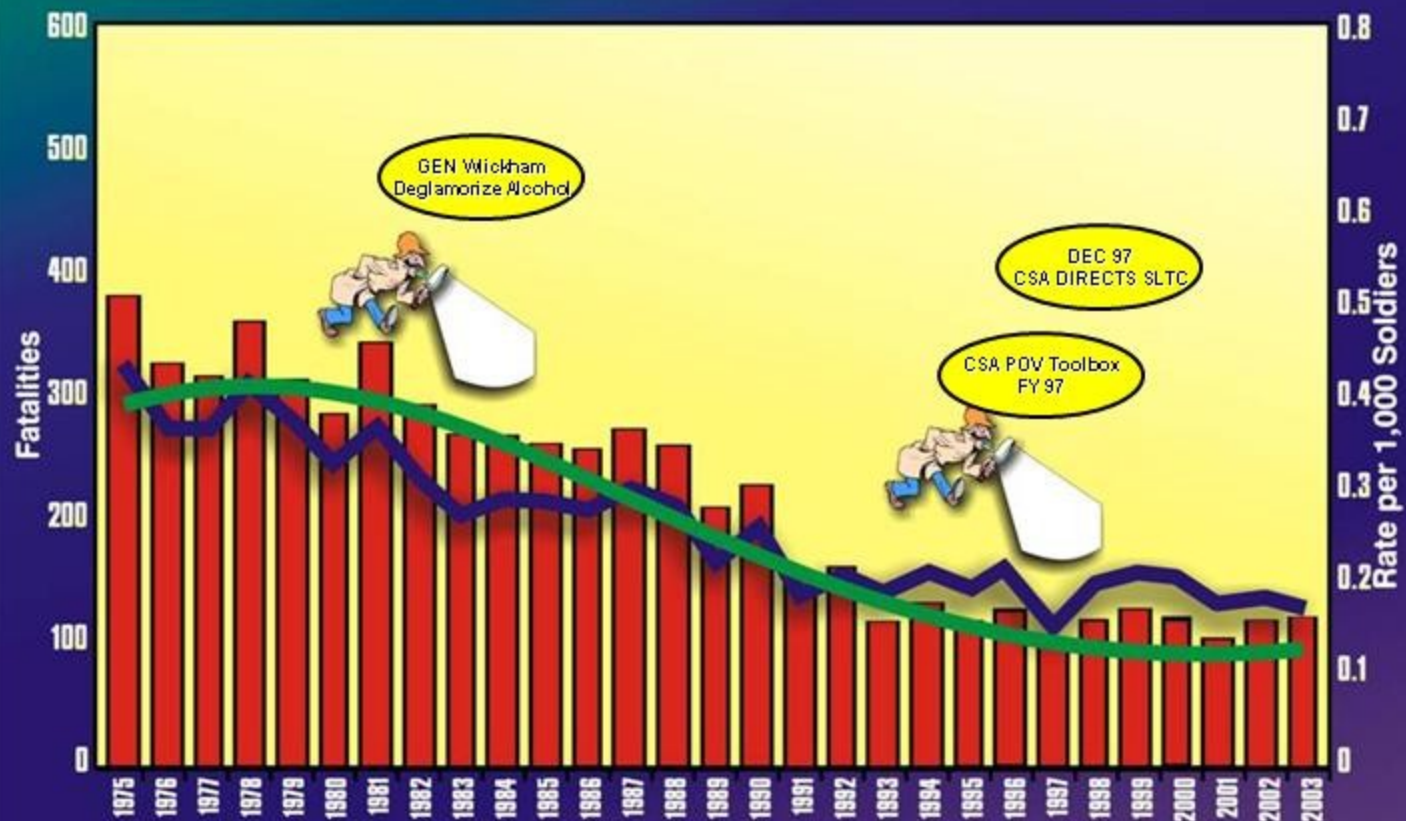
## Drivers Training?

# Initiatives Coming Your Way

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- **Ground Assessment Team**
  - Initial Focus-Driver Training
- **First Unit Assisted**
  - Fort Lewis, WA

# Historical POV Trends



# POV Accidents

## Where are we at risk?

### ■ Causal Factors

- Speed
- Fatigue
- Seatbelt/Helmet Not Used (Increases injury severity)

### ■ Profile

- 19-24 Male

### ■ Leadership Failure

- NCO involvement
  - Share knowledge & experience
- Enforce the standard
- Parking lot spot checks
- Use the Provost Marshal
- Failure to reward good performance

**BUCKLE UP - NO EXCEPTIONS - NO EXCUSES!**

# Initiatives Coming Your Way

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## POV

### Centralized Accident Investigation



- USASC has always done Aviation CAIs, added Ground in FY83, now adding POV
- Achieve >50% reduction of POV accidents by FY05, & sustain indefinitely
- Develop an assessment program that will identify high-risk groups, activities, units & environments to facilitate >50% reduction
- Conduct investigation of accident environment to provide real-time feedback mechanism for units & Army to adjust accident prevention efforts accordingly
- Capture Army "Best Practices" to facilitate success
- First Installation-Fort Lewis, WA

# **Negligent Discharges in Operation Iraqi Freedom**

- 10%** of accidental fatalities during pre-hostilities phase
- 17.6%** of accidental fatalities during hostilities phase
- 15.8%** of accidental fatalities during post-hostilities phase

# **Negligent Discharge Scenarios**

- SM on guard duty/QRF was playing around with loaded M203. Round discharged and landed near PX connex. No injuries.
- SM slammed feed tray cover and accidentally discharged 4-5 rounds from M249 SAW inside CH-47 during air assault. No injuries.
- M60D jammed in flight. Crew chief removed weapon from mount in attempt to clear the weapon, a round discharged through floor of UH-60 causing \$39,500 in damage to aircraft. No injuries.
- SSG discharged M16 through roof of open sleeping bay. Unit had just returned from live fire training in Kabal. Weapon belonged to squad member and SSG thought weapon was unloaded.
- SPC on guard duty discharged 9mm while playing with weapon on guard duty. No injuries. Minor damage to guard shack. ROE only called for magazine in weapon with no round in chamber.

# Negligent Discharge Scenarios

- After cleaning weapon, SM performed function check on his M16 with butt of weapon on floor. Round discharged. SM fatally injured when round went through chin.
- MP discharged 3 rounds from M249 SAW while installing night vision sight. No injuries.
- SM retrieved what he thought was his unloaded 9mm from bag in tent. Weapon discharged severely injuring fellow soldier in abdomen.
- SM failed to properly clear weapon at clearing barrel discharging round.
- SM was performing function check after cleaning weapon. Round discharged into tent floor. No injuries.
- SGT was conducting class on how to perform function check on M4. He failed to remove magazine. Round discharged injuring his toe.

# Negligent Discharge Scenarios

- SM was cleaning his M4 and failed to remove magazine. During function check, round discharged through wooden wall and lodged in box of paper.
- SM was on patrol in secure area. 9mm discharged in holster injuring knee.
- SM was pulling guard duty and discharged his weapon. Injury to calf.
- SM had negligent discharge of M249 SAW while pulling security during vehicle halt. No injuries.
- SM accidentally discharged 12 gauge shotgun in USAF C-130 causing slight shrapnel injury to USAF crewmember.
- SPC was loading M249 SAW and discharged 4-5 rounds. Four rounds struck NTV and 5th round hit SFC in knee.
- PFC negligently discharged 3 rounds from M16 in logistics support area. No injuries.

# **Negligent Discharge Scenarios**

- SM had negligent discharge of M249 SAW causing gun shot wounds to three fellow soldiers.
- Unit armorer opened breach of M203 and noticed 40mm grenade round in chamber. Round fired when he closed breach. Explosion from grenade severely injured SM in assembly area from shrapnel to chest.
- 25mm round fired when TC entered BFV and turned on master power switch. One fatality and one injury.
- SSG was twirling his 9mm cowboy style. Round discharged and struck SM in knee.
- SPC was cleaning 9mm pistol in unit assembly area. Weapon discharged and struck SM in head. One fatality.
- SGT accidentally fired M4. Round grazed nearby SM in head. Minor injury.

# Negligent Discharge Scenarios

- PFC attempted to clear M4 in back of BFV. Weapon discharged in fellow SM's foot.
- Before performing PMCS on BFV, crew attempted to clear 25mm gun. They cycled gun thinking it was clear. Round discharged in harmless area.
- SGM had negligent discharge of 9mm at clearing barrel. Failed to remove magazine.
- While on guard duty, SM was handed weapon from another soldier. Weapon was on semi and discharged round in soldier's foot.
- WO1 from protective services detachment had negligent discharge of MP5K 9mm submachine gun. Minor injury.
- MP was escorting EPW to holding facility and accidentally discharge weapon in his foot. No injury to EPW.



***Leadership***

***Discipline***

***Standards***

# Leaders' INVOLVEMENT SAVES lives

